

Goals, Initiatives, and Outcomes Public Workshop Comments

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Character of the City Comments

<i>Comments</i>	<i>Dots</i>
Beautify Rt. 60 East	0
<u>More</u> residents downtown	0
Down zone Penniman Rd!	0
Preserve large trees at all costs – specifically trees near Municipal Bldg expansion-use parking garage, not more paved lot	5
Strengthen measures against “McMansionizing” in some areas	2
Cooperation with W&M, York & JCC (coordinate Comp Plans)	3
Study green space to preserve open space	11
Early communication with citizens on development plans	5
Long-term planning for underground utilities	3

Economic Vitality Comments

<i>Comments</i>	<i>Dots</i>
Small city does not need big city retail	4
Evaluate need for additional commercial/retail uses	1
Reuse of buildings instead of new buildings	4
Make sure economic development issues are addressed in the main room of community room	0
Wegmans, Whole Foods	1
Sandwich/bakery – non-chain	0
Abolish the Dillon Rule	12
Prohibit chain restaurants, stores	0
Too many/watch growth of office rentals	0
Student-oriented/community retail	0
Share how City works with W&M and CW	1
Initiate direct marketing to attract businesses with connectivity to CW and W&M	1
Funding for a significant portion of tourism should not just go to advertising but should also go towards improving the infrastructure and experience of the tourist	12
ED regionally	0

Neighborhoods and Housing Comments

Comments	Dots
Revise codes to have each neighborhood fir (mass, scale, height, style, etc)	14
Increase percentage of owner/occupied houses and condominiums from below 40% to over 50% in two focus areas (Richmond Rd. and Jamestown Rd.)	34
Affordable housing for our workers goes hand in hand with providing transportation	3
Put teeth in 3 unrelated individuals regulations-fine owners, tenants, etc.	15
Can we legally classify rentals differently based upon short term vs. long term rental?	5
Revise trash codes to include enclosures when seen from street	1
Increase density to achieve affordability	0
Affordable housing incentives for developers (even small ones)	0
Have a mechanism for homeowners to obtain information on low and mid income programs	0
Limit on-street parking to two per household (more if no off-street parking?)	1
Need affordable housing for seniors	3

Transportation Comments

Comments	Dots
Expanded hours-public transportation to serve workers/college students	7
Peninsula light rail system	8
Free bus days as a promotion – encourage more ridership	2
Improve access/safety of Richmond Road bus stops adjacent to RR – Patriot Plaza area	2
Better regional rail connections (Richmond/DC/etc)	5
More bus shelters (CVS Jamestown Rd, Monticello Shopping Center, etc)	4

Public Safety Comments

Comments	Dots
Gangs – continue effort; reach out to Hispanic community	2
More emergency responders	3
Encourage citizens, it is ok to call police for loud parties and other problems	0
Continue speed enforcement	3

Education and Human Services Comments

Comments	Dots
Outreach to seniors who need independent living assistance – churches, clubs, associations, not just a website (assisting citizens to age in place)	3

Recreation and Culture Comments

Comments	Dots
Visual Arts Center (assist)	2
Park in center city – across from library – Crispus Attucks/Blanton Building field – passive park	2
Bike Paths!	4
Enhance aging parks	1
Friends of parks organization	1

Environmental Sustainability Comments

Comments	Dots
Receptacles for recyclables in public areas	6
Another separate recycle bin for food stuffs to create compost rather than putting scraps into the trash stream	3
Guiding development based on <u>available water resource</u> – rather than devising new water collection (reservoir)	1
Bio-fuels...work with college bio-fuel project and modify some city vehicles to use it	1
Storm water management is better to plan than to remediate...(e.g. end of Griffin open lot)	0
Rain barrels/city subsidized	8
PR campaign encouraging H2O conservation in restaurants and hotels	0
Metal recycling container on Tawning Rd.	2
Continue working with college on environmental infrastructure	0
Increase recycling education/participation	2
Explain problems with contaminated storm water	1
Expand list of types of items that can be recycled	7
Consider once a week trash pick-up, which should be adequate	0

City Organizational Leadership Comments

Comments	Dots
Citizen input earlier in process on specific projects – possible monthly meeting with Planning Commission (evening meetings)	10
Interaction with City Council and city staff earlier in process on specific projects	6
Move City Council and Planning Commission meetings to the evening	2
Increase effectiveness of communications with residents including CWF and college	2
Opportunity to make a point of order comment after public discussions	0
Thank staff more often	5